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## 1. Introduction

In this paper I shall present an application of an extended field of real numbers to the proof of a theorem in the theory of cooperative games. The proofs set forth below, which involve the use of A. Robinson's theory of non-standard analysis and are metamathematical in character, are not the only way in which the theorems can be verified; alternative proofs utilizing ordinary topological methods can in fact be carried out quite briefly. However, the attempt to apply non-standard analysis to game theory is novel. For this reason, what I have to show may be of interest, not only insofar as it presents new information on the theory of the kernel of a cooperative game, but also in that it demonstrates the possibility of effectively exploiting non-standard analysis as a tool for future investigation in this area. It could very well turn out, for example, that non-standard analysis could serve as a means by which concepts defined for games with a finite number of players could be extended to games with a continuum of players.

## 2. Definitions and Basic Concepts

$N$  is a (finite or denumerably infinite) set of consecutive natural numbers, called players.  $v$ , the characteristic function, is a non-negative real function defined on the subsets of  $N$ , called coalitions, which satisfies

$$(2.1) \quad v(\emptyset) = 0, \quad v(\{i\}) = 0, \text{ for all } i \text{ in } N.$$

A game is a pair  $(N; v)$ . A coalition structure (C.S.) is a partition of  $N$ . An individually rational payoff configuration (i.r.p.c.) is a pair  $(x; \mathcal{D})$ , where  $\mathcal{D}$  is a coalition structure and  $x$  is a real vector having one component for each member of  $N$  and satisfies:  $x_i \geq 0$  for all  $i$  in  $N$  and  $\sum_{i \in B} x_i = v(B)$  for all  $B \in \mathcal{D}$ . Let  $(x; \mathcal{D})$  be an i.r.p.c. For all  $S \subset N$  we denote

$$(2.2) \quad e(S; x) = v(S) - \sum_{i \in S} x_i.$$

$e(S, x)$  is called the excess of  $S$  with respect to  $(x; \mathcal{D})$ .

Further, let  $i, j \in B \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $i \neq j$ ; we denote

$$(2.3) \quad \mathcal{T}_{ij} = \{S; S \subset N, i \in S, j \notin S\}$$

$$(2.4) \quad S_{ij}(x) = \sup_{S \in \mathcal{T}_{ij}} e(S, x)$$

$$(2.5) \quad \bar{\sigma}(j, S) = v(S) - v(S - \{j\})$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad \Omega(j) = \sup_{S \text{ a coalition}} \bar{\sigma}(j, S)$$

We say that  $i$  outweighs  $j$  with respect to  $(x; \mathcal{D})$  if  $S_{ij}(x) > S_{ji}(x)$  and  $x_j > 0$ . The i.r.p.c.  $(x; \mathcal{D})$  is balanced if there exists no pair of players  $h$  and  $k$  such that  $h, k \in B \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $h$  outweighs  $k$ . The kernel  $K(G)$  of a game  $G$  is the set of all balanced i.r.p.c.'s. The following theorem is known (see [2]; see also [1] and [3]):

Theorem 2.1. For any finite game  $G$  (a game consisting of a finite number of players) and any coalition structure  $\mathcal{D}$  there exists a payoff vector  $x$  such that  $(x; \mathcal{D})$  is in the kernel.

This theorem is in general untrue for infinite games.

Example: Consider the game  $G = (N; v)$  where  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and  $v$  is defined as follows:

$$(2.7) \quad v(A) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{For } A \text{ of the form } \{n, n+1, n+2, \dots\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Choose the coalition structure  $\mathcal{D} = \{N\}$ . For this coalition structure there exists no payoff vector  $x$  for which  $(x; \mathcal{D})$  is in the kernel of  $G$ .

Proof: By way of contradiction. Suppose that for some  $x$ ,  $(x; \mathcal{D})$  is in the kernel. If  $x_n > 0$ , then the coalition

$$C_{n+1} = \{n+1, n+2, \dots\} \text{ is in } \mathcal{T}_{n+1, n}.$$

$$e(C_{n+1}, x) = 1 - (x_{n+1} + x_{n+2} + \dots) > 0.$$

On the other hand, for any coalition  $C$  in  $\mathcal{T}_{n, n+1}$ ,  $v(C) = 0$  and hence  $e(C, x) = v(C) - \sum_{j \in C} x_j \leq -x_n < 0$ . Thus

$S_{n, n+1}(x) \leq -x_n < 0$ . It follows therefore that

$$S_{n, n+1}(x) < e(C_{n+1}, x) \leq S_{n+1, n}(x) \text{ and } x_n > 0.$$

This implies that  $n$  outweighs  $n+1$ , in contradiction to the hypothesis that  $(x; \mathcal{D})$  is balanced. Thus  $x_n = 0$  for all  $n$ . Therefore  $x = (0, 0, \dots)$  which is impossible because  $\sum x_i$  must equal  $v(N)$  which is equal to 1. We thus see that the hypothesis that such an  $x$  exists leads to a contradiction.

Definition 2.2.  $G = (N; v)$  is a superadditive game if for any two disjoint subsets  $C, D$  of  $N$ ,  $v(C \cup D) \geq v(C) + v(D)$ .

### 3. The Non-Standard Model of a Game

We shall start with a brief definition and description of a non-standard model of analysis. For more complete details and for proofs the reader is referred to the first thirty pages of [ 4 ] or to the material appearing in the chapter on non-standard analysis in [ 5 ].

We begin by classifying real numbers and certain sets and relations into categories called types. We perform this classification inductively. A real number will be said to be of type 0. Suppose  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are sets such that for every  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $A_i$  consists of elements all of which have been previously classified (by induction) into type  $t_i$ . Then any subset of  $A_1 \times \dots \times A_n$  will be said to be of type  $(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ . Thus, 5 is of type 0. The set of all even numbers is of type (0). The order relation  $<$ , by set theoretic definition, is of type (0,0). Note: There exist elements that are of more than one type; the empty set, for example. The function  $\cos zy$  may be said to be of type (0,0,0). The function may likewise be said to be of type  $((0,0),0)$  or of type  $(0,(0,0))$ . We will now inductively define the length of a type. The type 0 will be said to be of length 1. If  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  have been previously (inductively) defined to be of lengths  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n$ , then the type  $(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  will be said to be of length  $l_1 + l_2 + \dots + l_n + 2$ . Let  $L_{30}$  be the set of all types of lengths less than 30. It is clear that  $L_{30}$  is a finite set.

Let  $A$  be the set of all elements that belong to at least one of the types in  $\mathcal{L}_{30}$ . Then  $A$  includes, among other things, all real numbers, all subsets of the set of real numbers, all subsets of  $X \times X$ , where  $X$  is the set of real numbers, and hence, by set theoretic definition of function, all functions of a single real variable.

Since a vector (finite or denumerably infinite) is essentially a real function defined on a subset of the set of natural numbers,  $A$  also contains all vectors. Similarly, it contains all measure functions defined on sets of real numbers. Thus it contains  $\text{Sup}$  and  $\Sigma$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \langle A; \emptyset_i, T_t, \emptyset_{ID} \rangle$  i-a natural number such that  $i \geq 2$   
t-a type

be a relational system, consisting of a set of individuals, and of a set of relations defined on the set of individuals.  $A$ , the set described in the preceding paragraph, is the set of individuals. The relations  $\emptyset_i$ ,  $T_t$  and  $\emptyset_{ID}$  are defined as follows:

$\emptyset_i$  is an  $i$ -ary relation on  $A$ . The  $i$ -ad  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  (where  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are elements in  $A$ ) is said to be in  $\emptyset_i$  if and only if  $a_1$  is a set and the  $i$ -minus-1-ad  $\langle a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$  is a member of  $a_1$ . For any type  $t$ ,  $T_t$  is a one place relation on  $A$ .  $b \in A$  is in  $T_t$  if and only if  $b$  is of type  $t$ .  $\emptyset_{ID}$  is the binary identity relation on  $A$ .

Let  $L$  be a language made up of a set of symbols whose cardinality is greater than the cardinality of  $A$ , and of a one-to-one correspondence  $f$  from the elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  (individuals and re-

lations) into  $L$ . Symbols that thus correspond to relations will be called predicates. Denote by  $K$  the set of all sentences in the calculus of predicates of first order formed from symbols of  $L$  that are meaningful in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Denote by  $K_0$  the set of all sentences in  $K$  that are true in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Consider the following set of sentences.

$$(3.1) \quad K_1 = K_0 \cup \{\bar{Q}_{T,0}^1 \bar{a}\} \cup \{\sim \bar{Q}_{ID}^1 \bar{a} \bar{a}_\mu\}_{\mu} \text{ an index that runs through the real numbers.}$$

Here  $\bar{a}$  is a symbol in  $L$  that does not correspond under  $f$  to any element in  $\mathcal{A}$ .  $\bar{Q}_{T,0}^1$  is the symbol in  $L$  that signifies (under  $f$ ) the relation  $T_0$ .  $\bar{Q}_{ID}^1$  is the symbol in  $L$  signifying  $\emptyset_{ID}$ .  $\bar{a}_\mu$  is the symbol in  $L$  that corresponds to the number  $\mu$ .

Since every finite subset of  $K_1$  possesses a model ( $\mathcal{A}$  is a model of every finite subset of  $K_1$  (see [4], p. 18)), then by the compactness principle (ibid)  $K_1$  itself possesses a model. Every model of  $K_1$  shall be called a non-standard model of analysis.

. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be some model of  $K_1$ . Every sentence in the predicate calculus of first order that is true when interpreted in  $\mathcal{A}$  remains true when it is re-interpreted in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Numbers, sets, and relations in  $\mathcal{A}$  are signified by symbols in  $L$ . These symbols, in turn, when re-interpreted in  $\mathcal{B}$ , signify certain elements in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Any such element will be called a  $\mathcal{B}$ -number,  $\mathcal{B}$ -set, or  $\mathcal{B}$ -relation, depending on whether the element in  $\mathcal{A}$  signified by the corresponding symbol is a num-

ber, set or relation. For any element  $\hat{c}$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  which corresponds to a symbol  $\bar{c}$  signifying some number  $c$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\bar{Q}_{T,c}^1$  is true in  $\mathcal{B}$ . For any  $x$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\bar{Q}_{T,0}^1 x$ ,  $x$  will be called a  $\mathcal{B}$ -number. All other individuals in  $\mathcal{B}$  are called  $\mathcal{B}$ -sets. The order relation  $<$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  carries over to a complete order relation on  $\mathcal{B}$ -numbers. The three place relation  $+$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  ( $a, b, c$  is in the relation if and only if  $a+b = c$ ) passes over to a three place relation in  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $\mathcal{B}$ -numbers. The number  $0$  passes over to  $\bar{0}$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ . There exist numbers in  $\mathcal{B}$  greater than  $\bar{0}$  that are less than all  $\mathcal{B}$ -numbers signified by symbols corresponding to positive numbers in  $\mathcal{A}$  (see [4]). Such  $\mathcal{B}$ -numbers are called infinitesimal. Infinite numbers are defined analogously. There exist  $\mathcal{B}$ -numbers and  $\mathcal{B}$ -sets not signified by any symbols signifying elements in  $\mathcal{A}$ . There exist sets whose elements all appear in  $\mathcal{B}$  while the sets themselves do not appear in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Such sets are not  $\mathcal{B}$ -sets.  $\mathcal{B}$ -sets have properties that are analogous to those of  $\mathcal{A}$ -sets. They obey all axioms of set theory expressible in the predicate calculus of first order. We can thus speak of elements that are contained in a  $\mathcal{B}$ -set, intersections of  $\mathcal{B}$ -sets,  $\mathcal{B}$ -subsets of  $\mathcal{B}$ -sets, etc. Hence we can define  $\mathcal{B}$ -vectors,  $\mathcal{B}$ -functions and  $\mathcal{B}$ -relations in complete analogy with the set theoretic definitions of  $\mathcal{A}$ -vectors,  $\mathcal{A}$ -functions and  $\mathcal{A}$ -relations. We simply substitute the words  $\mathcal{B}$ -set for  $\mathcal{A}$ -set in each of the corresponding definitions. Let us denote by  $\mathcal{N}$  the set of all natural numbers in  $\mathcal{A}$ .



Denote by  $\hat{\mathcal{N}}$  the image of  $\mathcal{N}$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ , i.e., the element in  $\mathcal{B}$  signified by the symbol corresponding to  $\mathcal{N}$ .  $\hat{\mathcal{N}}$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$ -set. Any  $\mathcal{B}$ -number contained in  $\hat{\mathcal{N}}$  will be called a natural  $\mathcal{B}$ -number. There exist infinite as well as finite natural  $\mathcal{B}$ -numbers.

$\mathcal{B}$ -numbers for which there exist symbols corresponding to numbers in  $\mathcal{A}$  will be called standard numbers. For any finite  $\mathcal{B}$ -number  $\hat{d}$  there exists a unique standard number  $\hat{d}^1$  such that  $\hat{d}^1$  is the nearest standard number to  $\hat{d}$  (see [4]). For any number  $e$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  we shall denote the image of  $e$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  by  $e^\sim$ . For any finite number  $\hat{h}$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  we shall denote the nearest standard number by  $\hat{h}^\bullet$ . For any standard  $\mathcal{B}$ -number  $\hat{i}$  we shall denote by  $\hat{i}^\vee$  the image of  $\hat{i}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .  $\mathcal{B}$ -elements will in general be denoted by lower case latin letters crowned by roofs ( $\hat{b}$ ,  $\hat{c}$ ,  $\hat{d}$ , etc.).  $\mathcal{A}$ -elements will be denoted in general by lower case uncrowned latin letters ( $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$ , etc.).  $\hat{\phi}_{ID}$ , the image of  $\phi_{ID}$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ , may be assumed, without loss of generality, to be the identity relation. That is, if  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$  are individuals in  $\mathcal{B}$ , the pair  $\langle \hat{a}, \hat{b} \rangle$  is in  $\hat{\phi}_{ID}$  if and only if  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$  are both the same element.

We define a non-standard game in complete analogy with the standard  $\mathcal{A}$ -game given above. Let  $\hat{N}$  be a  $\mathcal{B}$ -set of consecutive natural  $\mathcal{B}$ -numbers. If every number in  $\hat{N}$  is less than some  $\mathcal{A}$ -number  $\hat{c}$  then we say that  $\hat{N}$  is  $\mathcal{B}$ -finite. Note:  $\hat{N}$  may consist of an infinite number of  $\mathcal{B}$ -numbers and still be  $\mathcal{B}$ -finite. Let  $\hat{v}$  be a  $\mathcal{B}$ -function defined on all  $\mathcal{B}$ -subsets of  $\hat{N}$ , whose values are non-negative  $\mathcal{B}$ -numbers;  $\hat{v}(\emptyset) = 0^\sim$ ,  $\hat{v}(\{\hat{i}\}) = 0^\sim$  for each  $\hat{i}$  in  $\hat{N}$ . The pair  $(\hat{N}; \hat{v})$  is a non-standard game, or a  $\mathcal{B}$ -game. Let  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$  be a  $\mathcal{B}$ -set of  $\mathcal{B}$ -

subsets of  $\hat{N}$  such that any two such subsets are disjoint and such that the union of the  $\mathcal{B}$ -subsets in  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$  is equal to  $\hat{N}$ .  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$  is then called a  $\mathcal{B}$ -coalition structure. Let  $\hat{x}$  be a  $\mathcal{B}$ -vector having one coordinate for each element in  $\hat{N}$ . The pair  $(\hat{x}; \hat{\mathcal{D}})$  will be said to be a  $\mathcal{B}$ -i.r.p.c. if each coordinate of  $\hat{x}$  is non-negative and  $\sum_{i \in \hat{D}} \hat{x}_i = \hat{v}(\hat{D})$  for each  $\hat{D}$  in  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$ . The definitions of  $\hat{e}(\hat{S}; \hat{x})$ ,  $\hat{\tau}_{i,j}$ ,  $\hat{s}_{i,j}$ ,  $\hat{o}(j, \hat{S})$  and  $\hat{\Omega}(j)$  are entirely analagous to the definitions (2.2) - (2.6). The definition of balanced  $\mathcal{B}$ -i.r.p.c.'s in a  $\mathcal{B}$ -game is also completely analogous. The  $\mathcal{B}$ -kernel is the set of all  $\mathcal{B}$ -i.r.p.c.'s that are balanced. A  $\mathcal{B}$ -game is  $\mathcal{B}$ -finite if  $\hat{N}$  is  $\mathcal{B}$ -finite.

Lemma 3.1. For any  $\mathcal{B}$ -finite game  $\hat{G} = (\hat{N}; \hat{v})$ , and for any  $\mathcal{B}$ -coalition structure  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$ , there exists a  $\mathcal{B}$ -vector  $\hat{x}$  such that  $(\hat{x}; \hat{\mathcal{D}})$  is in the  $\mathcal{B}$ -kernel.

Proof: Express Theorem 2.1 in the first order predicate calculus using symbols from  $L$ . Reinterpret the statement in  $\mathcal{B}$ . The reinterpreted statement yields Theorem 3.1.

Theorem 3.2. Let  $G = (N; v)$  be a finite superadditive game.

Let  $(x; \mathcal{D}) \in K(G)$ . Then for all  $i$  in  $N$ ,  $x_i \leq \Omega(i)$ .

Proof: By contradiction. Assume that there exists a player  $j_1$  for which  $x_{j_1} > \Omega(j_1)$ . It is clear that  $\Omega(j_1) \geq 0$ . Then  $x_{j_1} > 0$ . Let  $T$  be the coalition in  $\mathcal{D}$  for which  $j_1 \in T$ .  $T$  must contain more than one player. Otherwise, by (2.1), it follows that  $x_{j_1} = 0$ . The excess  $e((T - \{j_1\}), x) > 0$  because  $e((T - \{j_1\}), x) =$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= v(T - \{j_1\}) - \sum_{k \in (T - \{j_1\})} x_k = v(T) - \sigma(j_1, T) - \sum_{k \in (T - \{j_1\})} x_k \geq \\
 &\geq v(T) - \Omega(j_1) - \sum_{k \in (T - \{j_1\})} x_k > v(T) - x_{j_1} - \sum_{k \in T - \{j_1\}} x_k = \\
 &= v(T) - \sum_{k \in T} x_k = v(T) - v(T) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Also, the excess  $e(\{j_1\}, x) = v(\{j_1\}) - x_{j_1} = 0 - x_{j_1} < 0$ . We assert that for any coalition  $S$  containing  $j_1$  there exists a non-empty coalition  $V$  not containing  $j_1$  for which  $e(V) > e(S)$ . We have proved this for  $S = \{j_1\}$ . Let  $S$  contain more than one player, then  $e(S, x) < e((S - \{j_1\}), x)$  since  $e(S, x) = v(S) - \sum_{k \in S} x_k = v(S - \{j_1\}) + \sigma(j, S) - \sum_{k \in S} x_k \leq v(S - \{j_1\}) + (\Omega(j_1) - x_{j_1}) - \sum_{k \in S - \{j_1\}} x_k < v(S - \{j_1\}) - \sum_{k \in S - \{j_1\}} x_k = e(S - \{j_1\}, x)$ .

Let  $V_1$  be a coalition such that for each coalition  $V_2$ ,  $e(V_2, x) \leq e(V_1, x)$ . Then  $j_1 \notin V_1$ .  $V_1$  must contain at least one player in  $T - \{j_1\}$ ; if not, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 e([T - \{j_1\}] \cup V_1, x) &= v([T - \{j_1\}] \cup V_1) - \sum_{k \in T - \{j_1\}} x_k - \sum_{k \in V_1} x_k \\
 &\geq v(T - \{j_1\}) - \sum_{k \in T - \{j_1\}} x_k + v(V_1) - \sum_{k \in V_1} x_k \\
 &= e(T - \{j_1\}, x) + e(V_1, x) > e(V_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

in contradiction to the assumption that for all  $V_2$ ,  $e(V_2) \leq e(V_1)$ .

Let  $l$  be a player contained in both  $V_1$  and  $T - \{j_1\}$ .

From what we have seen there exists a coalition  $C$  in  $\mathcal{T}_{l, j_1}$  (e.g.,  $V_1$ ) such that for any coalition  $D$  in  $\mathcal{T}_{j, l}$ ,  $e(C, x) > e(D, x)$ .

We have shown that  $x_{j_1} > 0$ . Then  $l$  outweighs  $j_1$ . This is in contradiction to the assumption that  $(x; \emptyset)$  is in  $K(G)$ . The lemma is thus proven.

Note: When  $\mathcal{D} = \{N\}$  the requirement that the game be superadditive is not needed.

Lemma 3.3. Let  $\hat{G} = (\hat{N}; \hat{v})$  be a  $\mathcal{B}$ -finite superadditive game. Let  $(\hat{x}; \hat{\mathcal{D}})$  be a  $\mathcal{B}$ -i.r.p.c. in the  $\mathcal{B}$ -kernel of  $\hat{G}$ . Let  $\hat{\Omega}$  be the  $\mathcal{B}$ -function corresponding to  $\hat{\Omega}$ . Then for all  $i$  in  $\hat{N}$ ,  $\hat{\Omega}(i) \geq \hat{x}_i$ .

The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 3.1 (see Theorem 3.2).

Let  $\Gamma = (N; v)$  be countably infinite, where  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and  $v$ , the characteristic function, fulfills the following conditions:

(3.2)  $v$  is superadditive (see Definition 2.2).

(3.3) For any  $0 < \epsilon$  and for any coalition  $S$  there exists a natural number  $n_1 = n_1(S, \epsilon)$  such that for any  $n \geq n_1$ ,  $0 \leq v(S) - v(S - \{n+1, n+2, \dots\}) < \epsilon$ .

(3.4)  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \Omega(j) < \infty$  (see (2.6)).

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be any coalition structure on  $\Gamma$ . Let  $\hat{\Gamma} = (\hat{N}; \hat{v})$  be the  $\mathcal{B}$ -game corresponding to  $\Gamma$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Let  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$  be the image of  $\mathcal{D}$ . Let  $\hat{m}_1$  be some infinite natural  $\mathcal{B}$ -number.\* Let

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\* The roofs on symbols like  $+$   $>$   $\geq$   $<$   $\leq$   $|$   $|$  (absolute value)  $\times \in \cap \cup$  etc. denoting the use of the non-standard model will be omitted.

$$\hat{N}_{\hat{m}_1} = \{\hat{n} \mid \hat{n} \leq \hat{m}_1, \hat{n} \text{ a natural number}\},$$

$\hat{v}_{\hat{m}_1}$  = the  $\mathcal{B}$ -function obtained from  $\hat{v}$  by restricting its domain to be the  $\mathcal{B}$ -subsets of  $\hat{N}_{\hat{m}_1}$ ,

$$\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{\hat{m}_1} = \{\hat{T} \mid \hat{T} = \hat{T}^1 \cap \hat{N}_{\hat{m}_1}, \hat{T}^1 \in \hat{\mathcal{D}}\}.$$

Let  $\hat{z}$  be an  $\hat{m}_1$ -dimensional  $\mathcal{B}$ -vector such that  $(\hat{z}; \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{\hat{m}_1})$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$ -i.r.p.c. of  $\hat{\Gamma}_{\hat{m}_1} = (\hat{N}_{\hat{m}_1}; \hat{v}_{\hat{m}_1})$  and such that

$$(3.5) \quad \hat{z}_{\hat{i}} \leq \hat{\Omega}(\hat{i}), \text{ for all } \hat{i} \text{ such that } 1 \sim \hat{i} \leq \hat{m}_1.$$

Let  $z$  be the infinite dimensional  $\mathcal{A}$ -vector defined as follows:

$$z_k = [\hat{z}_{k\sim}]^{*v}$$

( $k\sim$  is the image of  $k$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ ;  $\hat{z}_{k\sim}$  is the  $k\sim$ -th component of  $\hat{z}$ ;  $[\hat{z}_{k\sim}]^*$  is the nearest standard number to  $\hat{z}_{k\sim}$ ;  $[\hat{z}_{k\sim}]^{*v}$  is the counter image of  $[\hat{z}_{k\sim}]^*$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .)

Lemma 3.4. For every coalition  $S$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $\sum_{i \in S} z_i$  converges.

Proof: It is clear that  $z_i \geq 0$  for every natural number  $i$ .

For every natural number  $i$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  let  $\hat{p}_{i\sim} = [\hat{z}_{i\sim}]^* - \hat{z}_{i\sim}$ .

Let  $\hat{S}$  be the image of  $S$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then for every natural number

$\ell$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  and for all  $\delta > 0$  in  $\mathcal{A}$

$$0 \leq [\sum_{i \leq \ell} z_i] \sim = \sum_{\substack{i \leq \ell \\ i \in \hat{S}}} \hat{z}_{i\sim} [\hat{z}_{i\sim}]^* = \sum_{\substack{i \leq \ell \\ i \in \hat{S}}} \hat{z}_{i\sim} + \sum_{\substack{i \leq \ell \\ i \in \hat{S}}} \hat{p}_{i\sim} < \sum_{\substack{i \leq \ell \\ i \in \hat{S}}} \hat{z}_{i\sim} + \delta \cdot \sum_{\substack{i \leq \ell \\ i \in \hat{S}}} [\hat{z}_{i\sim}]^{\hat{i}}$$

This arises because for each  $\hat{i}$  such that  $\hat{i} \leq \ell$ ,  $\hat{i}$  is a standard number and  $\hat{p}_{\hat{i}}$  is infinitesimal (positive or negative)

whereas  $\delta \cdot [\frac{1}{2}]^i$  is a standard positive number; <sup>(1)</sup> hence  $\hat{p}_i < \delta \cdot [\frac{1}{2}]^i$ .  
 $\sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l}} \hat{z}_i + \delta \cdot \sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l}} [\frac{1}{2}]^i < \sum_{i \in \hat{S}_{m_1}} \hat{z}_i + \delta$ , where  $\hat{S}_{m_1} = \hat{S} \cap \hat{N}_{m_1}$   
 $= \hat{v}_{m_1}(\hat{S}_{m_1}) + \delta = \hat{v}(\hat{S}_{m_1}) + \delta \leq \hat{v}(\hat{S}) + \delta$

Thus for every natural  $l$  and all  $0 < \delta$

$$\sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l}} z_i < v(S) + \delta.$$

Theorem 3.5. Let  $\hat{z}$  be an  $\hat{m}_1$ -dimensional  $\mathcal{B}$ -vector/satisfying (3.5) such that  $(\hat{z}; \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{m_1})$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$ -i.r.p.c. of  $\hat{\Gamma}_{m_1}$  and let  $z_k = [\hat{z}_k]^{*v}$ . Here  $\hat{\Gamma}_{m_1}$  is derived from <sup>(a)</sup> countably infinite game  $\Gamma$  whose characteristic function satisfies (3.2)-(3.4). For every coalition  $S$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $\sum_{i \in S} z_i = v(S)$ .

Proof: In the proof of Lemma 3.4 we saw that  $0 \leq \sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l}} z_i \leq v(S)$

for every natural number  $l$ . What remains to be proven is that for all  $\delta > 0$  there exists a natural number  $l_1$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l}} z_i + \delta > v(S)$ . Let  $l_1$  be a natural number such

that  $\sum_{i > l} \Omega(i) \leq \frac{\delta}{3}$  and such that for all  $n > l_1$ ,  $v(S) - v(S - \{n+1, n+2, \dots\}) \leq \frac{\delta}{3}$  (see (3.3)-(3.4)). Then

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(1) The meaning of  $\hat{=}$  in the non-standard model is exactly  $=$ ; hence we are justified in writing  $\hat{=}$  instead of  $\hat{\approx}$ . This is because  $\emptyset_{ID}$  is the identity relation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} z_i + \frac{2}{3}\delta)^{\sim} &> (\sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} z_i + \frac{\delta}{3} \cdot \sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} (\frac{\delta}{3})^i)^{\sim} + (\sum_{i > l_1} \hat{\Omega}(i))^{\sim} \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} \hat{z}_i^{\wedge*} + (\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim} \cdot \sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} (\frac{\delta}{3})^i + \sum_{i > l_1} \hat{\Omega}(i) \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} (\hat{z}_i^{\wedge} + \hat{p}_i^{\wedge}) + (\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim} \cdot \sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} (\frac{\delta}{3})^i + \sum_{i > l_1} \hat{\Omega}(i)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{p}_i^{\wedge} = \hat{z}_i^{\wedge*} - \hat{z}_i^{\wedge}$ , and is, of course, infinitesimal (positive or negative). Thus  $(\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim} \cdot (\frac{\delta}{3})^i + \hat{p}_i^{\wedge} > \hat{0}$  for all  $i \leq l_1$ . Hence

$$\sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} (\hat{z}_i^{\wedge} + \hat{p}_i^{\wedge}) + (\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim} \cdot \sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} (\frac{\delta}{3})^i + \sum_{i > l_1} \hat{\Omega}(i) \geq \sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} \hat{z}_i^{\wedge} + \sum_{i > l_1} \hat{\Omega}(i)$$

and by (3.5)

$$\geq \sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} \hat{z}_i^{\wedge} + \sum_{\substack{i > l_1 \\ i \in \hat{S}_{m_1}^{\wedge}}} \hat{z}_i^{\wedge}$$

and since  $(\hat{z}; \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{m_1}^{\wedge})$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$ -i.r.p.c. and  $\hat{S}_{m_1}^{\wedge}$  is in  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{m_1}^{\wedge}$  we have

$$= \hat{v}_{m_1}^{\wedge}(\hat{S}_{m_1}^{\wedge}) = \hat{v}(\hat{S}_{m_1}^{\wedge}).$$

For all  $\hat{n} > l_1$  we know that  $\hat{v}(\hat{S}) - \hat{v}(\hat{S} - \{\hat{n}+1^{\sim}, \hat{n}+2^{\sim}, \dots\}) \leq (\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim}$ . Then  $\hat{v}(\hat{S}) - \hat{v}(\hat{S}_{m_1}^{\wedge}) \leq (\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim}$ . Then  $\hat{v}(\hat{S}_{m_1}^{\wedge}) \geq \hat{v}(\hat{S}) - (\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim}$ .

From this we deduce that

$$(\sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} z_i + \delta)^{\sim} > \hat{v}(\hat{S}).$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \leq l_1}} z_i + \delta > v(S).$$

Lemma 3.6. Let  $\hat{S}^1$  be a  $\mathcal{B}$ -subset of  $\hat{N}_{m_1}$ . Let  $S$  be the  $\mathcal{A}$ -coalition containing every natural  $\mathcal{A}$ -number  $j$  for which  $j^{\sim}$  is in  $\hat{S}^1$ . Let  $S^{\sim}$  be the image of  $S$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then  $|\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) - v(S^{\sim})|$  is infinitesimal.

Proof: Let  $\hat{\epsilon}$  be a standard number greater than  $0^{\sim}$ . Let  $\hat{\epsilon}^v$  be the image of  $\hat{\epsilon}$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $n_1$  be a natural  $\mathcal{A}$ -number such that for all  $n \geq n_1$ ,  $|v(S_n) - v(S)| < (\frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{3})^v$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n (1) < (\frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{3})^{\wedge}$ ; here  $S_n = S - \{n+1, n+2, \dots\}$  (see (3.3)). Then for any standard  $\mathcal{B}$ -natural number  $\hat{n}$  greater than  $\hat{n}_1$ ,  $|\hat{v}(S^{\sim}_{\hat{n}}) - \hat{v}(S^{\sim})| < (\frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{3})$ . Since  $S^{\sim}_{\hat{n}}$  and  $\hat{S}^1_{\hat{n}}$  coincide for all standard  $\hat{n}$ , this means that for all standard  $\hat{n}$  greater than  $\hat{n}_1$ ,

$$(3.6) \quad |\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1_{\hat{n}}) - \hat{v}(S^{\sim})| < (\frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{3})$$

Suppose  $|\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) - \hat{v}(S^{\sim})| > \hat{\epsilon}$ . If  $\hat{v}(S^{\sim}) > \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1)$  then  $v(S^{\sim}) - \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) > \hat{\epsilon}$ . Because of superadditivity

$$\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) \geq v(\hat{S}^1_{\hat{n}}) + \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1 - \hat{S}^1_{\hat{n}}).$$

Hence

$$v(S^{\sim}) - \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1_{\hat{n}}) \geq \hat{v}(S^{\sim}) - (\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1_{\hat{n}}) + \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1 - \hat{S}^1_{\hat{n}})) \geq \hat{v}(S^{\sim}) - \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) > \hat{\epsilon}$$

which contradicts (3.6). Thus if  $|\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) - \hat{v}(S^{\sim})| > \hat{\epsilon}$  then



$$(3.7) \quad \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) > \hat{v}(S^\sim)$$

Let  $W = W_1 \cup W_2$  be any finite  $\mathcal{A}$ -coalition, where  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are disjoint subsets of  $W$ . Through mathematical induction, and using (2.6), it may be readily seen that  $v(W) \leq v(W_1) + \sum_{i \in W_2} \Omega(i)$ . The assertion that  $v(W) \leq v(W_1) + \sum_{i \in W_2} \Omega(i)$  for all  $W, W_1, W_2$  such that  $W = W_1 \cup W_2, W_1 \cap W_2 = \emptyset$ , and  $\exists n \forall i (i \in W \rightarrow i < n)$ , is expressible as a sentence in the first order predicate calculus.

Since this sentence is true in  $\mathcal{A}$  it is also true when re-interpreted in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Applying this knowledge to  $\hat{S}^1$  we obtain:

$$(3.8) \quad \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1_{n_1 \sim}) \leq \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) \leq \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1_{n_1 \sim}) + \sum_{i \in \hat{S}^1 - \hat{S}^1_{n_1 \sim}} \hat{\Omega}(i) \leq \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1_{n_1 \sim}) + \sum_{i \geq n_1 \sim} \hat{\Omega}(i) \leq \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1_{n_1 \sim}) + (\frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{3}).$$

By superadditivity,

$$(3.9) \quad \hat{v}(S^\sim) \geq \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1_{n_1 \sim})$$

Using (3.7), (3.8) and (3.9) we receive:

$$|\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) - \hat{v}(S^\sim)| = \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) - \hat{v}(S^\sim) \leq (\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1_{n_1 \sim}) + (\frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{3})) - \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1_{n_1 \sim}) = (\frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{3}).$$

This is in contradiction to the supposition that  $|\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) - \hat{v}(S^\sim)| > \hat{\epsilon}$ .

Thus for every standard  $\mathcal{B}$ -number,  $\hat{\epsilon}, \hat{\epsilon} > 0^\sim$ ,  $|\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) - \hat{v}(S^\sim)| \leq \hat{\epsilon}$ .

Hence  $|\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) - \hat{v}(S^\sim)|$  is infinitesimal.

**Lemma 3.7.** Let  $\hat{S}^1$  be a  $\mathcal{B}$ -subset of  $\hat{N}_{m_1}$ . Let  $S$  be the  $\mathcal{A}$ -coalition containing every natural  $\mathcal{A}$ -number  $j$  for which  $j^\sim$  is in  $\hat{S}^1$ . Then  $|\sum_{i \in \hat{S}^1} \hat{z}_i - (\sum_{i \in S} z_i)^\sim|$  is infinitesimal. Here  $\hat{z}$  and  $z$  are as defined in the paragraph containing (3.5).

Proof: Since  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} z_i \leq v(\{1,2,\dots\}) < \infty$ , it is clear then that for any  $\mathcal{A}$ -coalition  $T$   $\sum_{i \in T} z_i$  converges absolutely. Let  $\delta$  be any particular positive  $\mathcal{A}$ -number and let  $l$  be a natural  $\mathcal{A}$ -number such that  $\sum_{i \geq l} \Omega(i) < \frac{\delta}{3}$  and such that  $\sum_{\substack{i \in S \\ i \geq l}} z_i < \frac{\delta}{3}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{\sum}_{i \in \hat{S}} \hat{z}_i - (\sum_{i \in S} z_i)^{\sim}| &= |(\hat{\sum}_{\substack{i \in \hat{S} \\ i \leq l^{\sim}}} \hat{z}_i - \hat{\sum}_{\substack{i \in \hat{S} \\ i \leq l^{\sim}}} \hat{z}_i^*) + (\hat{\sum}_{\substack{i \in \hat{S} \\ i > l^{\sim}}} \hat{z}_i - (\sum_{i \in S} z_i)^{\sim})| \\ &\leq |\hat{\sum}_{\substack{i \in \hat{S} \\ i \leq l^{\sim}}} \hat{z}_i - \hat{\sum}_{\substack{i \in \hat{S} \\ i \leq l^{\sim}}} \hat{z}_i^*| + \hat{\sum}_{\substack{i \in \hat{S} \\ i > l^{\sim}}} \hat{z}_i + (\sum_{i \in S} z_i)^{\sim} \\ &\leq |\hat{e}_1 + \dots + \hat{e}_{l^{\sim}}| + (\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim} + (\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim} \\ &\quad \text{where } \hat{e}_1, \dots, \hat{e}_{l^{\sim}} \text{ are infinitesimal numbers,} \\ &< (\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim} + (\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim} + (\frac{\delta}{3})^{\sim} = \delta^{\sim} \end{aligned}$$

Thus for every standard positive  $\mathcal{B}$ -number  $\delta^{\sim}$ ,  $|\hat{\sum}_{i \in \hat{S}} \hat{z}_i - (\sum_{i \in S} z_i)^{\sim}|$  is less than it. Therefore  $|\hat{\sum}_{i \in \hat{S}} \hat{z}_i - (\sum_{i \in S} z_i)^{\sim}|$  is infinitesimal.

Theorem 3.8 (an existence theorem): Let  $\Gamma = (N; v)$  be an infinite game where  $v$ , the characteristic function, fulfills conditions (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4). Then, for any coalition structure  $\mathcal{D}$  there exists an infinite dimensional vector  $x$  such that  $(x; \mathcal{D})$  is in  $K(\Gamma)$ .

Proof: Let  $\hat{\Gamma} = (\hat{N}; \hat{v})$  be the  $\mathcal{B}$ -game corresponding to  $\Gamma$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Let  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}$  be the image of  $\mathcal{D}$ . Let  $\hat{m}_1, \hat{N}_{m_1}, \hat{v}_{m_1}$ , and  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{m_1}$  be as defined in the lines following (3.4). Let  $\hat{z}$  be an  $\hat{m}_1$  dimensional  $\mathcal{B}$ -vector such that  $(\hat{z}; \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{m_1})$  is in the  $\mathcal{B}$ -kernel of  $\hat{\Gamma}_{m_1}$ .

Such a  $\hat{z}$  exists, by Lemma 3.1. For all finite natural  $i$ ,  $\hat{z}_i$  is finite since by Lemma 3.3  $\hat{z}_i \leq \hat{\Omega}(i)$ , and  $\hat{\Omega}(i)$  is finite. We define the infinite dimensional  $\mathcal{A}$ -vector  $z$  as follows:  $z_i = [\hat{z}_i \sim]^{\#v}$ . It is clear that  $z_i \geq 0$  for all natural  $i$ . By Theorem 3.5 we know that  $\sum_{i \in S} z_i = v(S)$  for all  $S$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ . Thus  $(z; \mathcal{D})$  is an i.r.p.c. We seek to prove that  $(z; \mathcal{D})$  is in the kernel of  $\Gamma$ .

Let  $H$  be a coalition in  $\mathcal{D}$  that contains at least two different players. It is sufficient to prove that at least one of the following two cases holds:

$$(i) \quad z_k = 0$$

(ii) For any coalition  $K$  that contains  $k$  and does not contain  $l$ , there exists a coalition  $S$  which contains  $l$  and which does not contain  $k$ , such that

$$v(S) - \sum_{i \in S} z_i \geq v(K) - \sum_{i \in K} z_i$$

We shall prove that when (i) does not hold, (ii) does. Let  $K$  be some coalition that contains player  $k$  and does not contain player  $l$ . Let  $K^\sim$  be the image of  $K$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Let  $K^\sim_{m_1} = K^\sim \cap \hat{N}_{m_1}$ .  $K^\sim_{m_1}$  contains the player  $k^\sim$  and does not contain the player  $l^\sim$ . Let  $H^\sim$  be the image of  $H$  and let  $H^\sim_{m_1} = H^\sim \cap \hat{N}_{m_1}$ . Since  $(z; \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{m_1})$  is in the  $\mathcal{B}$ -kernel and since  $k^\sim, l^\sim \in H^\sim_{m_1} \in \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{m_1}$  and  $\hat{z}_{l^\sim} > 0$ , there exists a  $\mathcal{B}$ -coalition  $\hat{S}^1$  of  $\hat{\Gamma}_{m_1}$  that contains  $l^\sim$  and does not contain  $k^\sim$  and for which

$$\hat{v}_{\hat{m}_1}(\hat{S}^1) - \sum_{\hat{i} \in \hat{S}^1} \hat{z}_{\hat{i}} \geq \hat{v}_{\hat{m}_1}(\hat{K}^{\sim}_{\hat{m}_1}) - \sum_{\hat{i} \in \hat{K}^{\sim}_{\hat{m}_1}} \hat{z}_{\hat{i}}$$

Let  $S$  be the  $\mathcal{A}$ -coalition containing every natural  $\mathcal{A}$ -number  $j$  for which  $j^{\sim}$  is in  $\hat{S}^1$ . It is clear that  $S$  contains  $l$  and does not contain  $k$ . Let  $S^{\sim}$  be the image of  $S$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Note that  $S^{\sim}$  and  $\hat{S}^1$  are in general not identical.  $\hat{S}^1$  contains only  $\mathcal{B}$ -numbers that are less than  $\hat{m}_1 + 1^{\sim}$ .  $S^{\sim}$ , on the other hand, may contain greater  $\mathcal{B}$ -numbers. We set out to prove that  $v(S) - \sum_{i \in S} z_i \geq v(K) - \sum_{i \in K} z_i$ . By Lemma 3.6,  $|\hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) - \hat{v}(S^{\sim})|$  and  $|\hat{v}(\hat{K}^{\sim}_{\hat{m}_1}) - \hat{v}(K^{\sim})|$  are infinitesimal numbers. (The latter difference is infinitesimal because both coalitions have the same standard players.) By Lemma 3.7,  $|\sum_{\hat{i} \in \hat{S}^1} \hat{z}_{\hat{i}} - (\sum_{i \in S} z_i)^{\sim}|$  and  $|\sum_{\hat{i} \in \hat{K}^{\sim}_{\hat{m}_1}} \hat{z}_{\hat{i}} - (\sum_{i \in K} z_i)^{\sim}|$  are likewise infinitesimal. To prove that  $(v(K) - \sum_{i \in K} z_i) \leq (v(S) - \sum_{i \in S} z_i)$  it is sufficient to prove that for all  $\delta > 0$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,

$$(v(K) - \sum_{i \in K} z_i) - (v(S) - \sum_{i \in S} z_i) \leq \delta.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } (v(K) - \sum_{i \in K} z_i)^{\sim} - (v(S) - \sum_{i \in S} z_i)^{\sim} &< \hat{v}(\hat{K}^{\sim}_{\hat{m}_1}) + (\frac{\delta}{4})^{\sim} - \\ &- \sum_{\hat{i} \in \hat{K}^{\sim}_{\hat{m}_1}} \hat{z}_{\hat{i}} + (\frac{\delta}{4})^{\sim} - \hat{v}(\hat{S}^1) + (\frac{\delta}{4})^{\sim} + \sum_{\hat{i} \in \hat{S}^1} \hat{z}_{\hat{i}} + (\frac{\delta}{4})^{\sim} \leq \delta^{\sim}. \end{aligned}$$

We have thus proven that  $(z; \mathcal{D})$  is in the kernel. Therefore the kernel is not empty for any coalition structure.

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $K(G)$  be the kernel of an infinite game  $G = (\{1, 2, \dots\}; v)$  which fulfills the relations (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4). Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be an arbitrary coalition structure on  $G$ . Let  $G_n$  be the game  $(\{1, 2, \dots, n\}; v_n)$ , where  $v_n$  receives the same values as  $v$  on subsets of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $K(G_n)$  be

the kernel of  $G_n$ . Let the space  $E^\infty = E^1 \times E^1 \times \dots$  have the Tychinoff topology. Let  $\{O_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots}$  be a sequence of sets,  $O_i \subset E^1$ . Let  $O_\infty$  be a set in the space  $E^\infty$  with the following property: If  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  is a point in  $E^\infty$  such that for any open set  $E$  containing  $x$  there exists a natural number  $i$  and a vector  $(x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_i)$  in  $O_i$  such that  $(x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_i, 0, 0, \dots) \in E$  then  $x \in O_\infty$ . Under these conditions, if for each  $n$ , there exists a vector  $x^{(n)} = (x_1^{(n)}, \dots, x_n^{(n)})$  in  $O_n$  such that  $(x^{(n)}; \mathcal{D}_n)$  is in  $K(G_n)$ , then there exists an  $x$  in  $O_\infty$  such that  $(x; \mathcal{D}) \in K(G)$ .

Proof: Since for each  $n$  there exists an  $x^{(n)}$  in  $O_n$  for which  $(x^{(n)}; \mathcal{D}_n)$  is in  $K(G_n)$ , and since this fact is expressible

in the first order predicate calculus, it follows that for any natural  $\mathcal{B}$ -number,  $\hat{m}$ , there exists an  $\hat{x}^{(\hat{m})}$  in  $\hat{O}_{\hat{m}}$  such that  $(\hat{x}^{(\hat{m})}; \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{\hat{m}})$  is in  $\hat{K}(\hat{G}_{\hat{m}})$ . Let  $\hat{m}_1$  be an infinite  $\mathcal{B}$ -number.

Let  $\hat{x}^{(\hat{m}_1)}$  be such that  $\hat{x}^{(\hat{m}_1)} \in \hat{O}_{\hat{m}_1}$  and  $(\hat{x}^{(\hat{m}_1)}; \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{\hat{m}_1}) \in \hat{K}(\hat{G}_{\hat{m}_1})$ .

Let  $x$  be the infinite dimensional  $\mathcal{A}$ -vector obtained by setting  $x_i = (\hat{x}^{(\hat{m}_1)}_i)^{\sim}$ . Then, as we have shown in the proof of Theorem 3.8,  $(x; \mathcal{D}) \in K(G)$ . We must prove that  $x \in O_\infty$ . Let  $\tilde{x}$  be the

image in  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $x$ . We will prove that for all  $\epsilon$ ,  $\hat{\epsilon}_{i \leq \hat{m}_1} |\tilde{x}_i - \hat{x}_i^{(\hat{m}_1)}| +$

$+ \hat{\epsilon}_{i > \hat{m}_1} \tilde{x}_i < \epsilon^{\sim}$ . Let  $j_1$  be a natural  $\mathcal{A}$ -number for which  $\epsilon_{i > j_1} \Omega(i) < \frac{1}{4}\epsilon$  and for which  $\epsilon_{i > j_1} x_i < \frac{1}{4}\epsilon$ . Then by Lemma 3.3  $\hat{\epsilon}_{\hat{m}_1 > i > j_1} \tilde{x}^{(\hat{m}_1)}_i < (\frac{1}{4})^{\sim} \cdot \epsilon^{\sim}$  and  $\hat{\epsilon}_{i > j_1} \tilde{x}_i < (\frac{1}{4})^{\sim} \cdot \epsilon^{\sim}$ . Thus

$$(3.10) \quad \hat{\epsilon}_{i \leq \hat{m}_1} |\tilde{x}_i - \hat{x}^{(\hat{m}_1)}_i| + \hat{\epsilon}_{i > \hat{m}_1} \tilde{x}_i \leq \hat{\epsilon}_{i \leq j_1} |\tilde{x}_i - \hat{x}^{(\hat{m}_1)}_i| + \hat{\epsilon}_{i > j_1} \tilde{x}_i + \hat{\epsilon}_{i > j_1} \tilde{x}^{(\hat{m}_1)}_i < \delta + (\frac{1}{4})^{\sim} \cdot \epsilon^{\sim} + (\frac{1}{4})^{\sim} \cdot \epsilon^{\sim}$$

$\delta$  is infinitesimal. Hence

$$\hat{\epsilon} + (\frac{1}{2})^{\sim} \cdot \epsilon^{\sim} + (\frac{1}{2})^{\sim} \cdot \epsilon^{\sim} < \epsilon^{\sim}.$$

Thus if  $\hat{\epsilon}$  is a standard number, then there exists an  $i_1$  (in our case  $i_1 = \hat{m}_1$ ), and a vector  $\hat{x}^{(i_1)}$  in  $\hat{O}_{i_1}$  such that  $\sum_{i \leq i_1} |\hat{x}_i^{\sim} - \hat{x}_i^{(i_1)}| + \sum_{i > i_1} \hat{x}_i^{\sim} < \hat{\epsilon}$ . For any specific standard  $\hat{\epsilon}$  ( $\hat{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{2}^{\sim}, \frac{1}{4}^{\sim}, \dots$ , etc.) the phrase: "There exists an  $i_1$  and a vector  $\hat{x}^{(i_1)}$  in  $\hat{O}_{i_1}$  such that

$$\sum_{i \leq i_1} |\hat{x}_i^{\sim} - \hat{x}_i^{(i_1)}| + \sum_{i > i_1} \hat{x}_i^{\sim} < \hat{\epsilon}."$$

is expressible as a sentence in the first order predicate calculus. This sentence is true in  $\mathcal{B}$  for each specific standard  $\hat{\epsilon} > 0^{\sim}$ . Then the sentence must be true in  $\mathcal{A}$  for any specific  $\epsilon > 0$ . Thus for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an  $i_1$  and an  $x^{(i_1)}$  in  $O_{i_1}$  such that

$$(3.11) \quad \sum_{i \leq i_1} |x_i - x_i^{(i_1)}| + \sum_{i > i_1} x_i < \epsilon.$$

This means that for any open set  $E$  containing  $x$  there exists an  $i_1$  and a vector  $(x_1^{(i_1)}, \dots, x_{i_1}^{(i_1)})$  such that  $(x_1^{(i_1)}, \dots, x_{i_1}^{(i_1)}, 0, 0, \dots)$  is in  $E$  and  $(x_1^{(i_1)}, \dots, x_{i_1}^{(i_1)}) \in O_{i_1}$ . Then by the conditions of the theorem,  $x \in O_{\omega}$ .

Clearly, Theorem 3.8 is a special case of Theorem 3.9.

Theorem 3.9 is useful for extending known theorems about the kernel of finite games to infinite games. For example, it is known (see [2]) that if a finite game has a non-empty core then the kernel intersects the core. (The same is true if "core" is replaced by "pseudo-core" (see [2])). It follows from Theorem 3.9 that the same result holds for games with a countable number of

players, if the characteristic function,  $v$ , satisfies (3.2), (3.3), and (3.4).

Alternative Proof of Theorem 3.9. (Suggested by R. J. Aumann.)

For each  $l$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ , let  $x^{(l)}$  be an  $l$ -dimensional vector such that  $(x^{(l)}; \mathcal{D}_l) \in K(G_l)$  and  $x^{(l)} \in O_l$ .

For all  $l \geq 1$  and for all  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq l$ ,  $x_k^{(l)} \leq v_l(\{1, \dots, l\}) = v(\{1, \dots, l\}) \leq v(N)$ . Denote  $c = v(N)$  and let

$I = [0, c] \times [0, c] \times \dots$ . Let  $x^{(l)}$  be the infinite dimensional vector with  $x_k^{(l)} = x_k^{(l)}$  for the first  $l$  components and  $x_k^{(l)} = 0$  for the remaining components. Under the Tychinoff topology,  $I$  is a compact space. Then there exists a vector  $x$  in  $I$  which is a limit point of the  $x^{(l)}$ 's. Since, by Theorem 3.2, for all  $k$  and all  $l$ ,  $l \geq k$ ,  $x_k^{(l)} \leq \Omega(k)$ , it follows that

$$(3.12) \quad x_k \leq \Omega(k) \quad \text{for all } k \geq 1$$

Let  $C \in \mathcal{D}$  and let  $\epsilon > 0$ . We wish to show that

$$|v(C) - \sum_{k \in C} x_k| \leq \epsilon.$$

Let  $n_1$  be such that

$$(3.13) \quad \sum_{k \geq n_1} \Omega(k) \leq \frac{1}{4}\epsilon$$

and such that for all  $n \geq n_1$ ,

$$(3.14) \quad v(C) - v(C_n) \leq \frac{1}{4}\epsilon.$$

Condition (3.4) assures the existence of such an  $n_1$ . Let  $m_1$  be greater than  $n_1$  and be large enough so that

$$\sum_{1 \leq k \leq n_1} |x_k^{(m_1)} - x_k| \leq \frac{1}{4}\epsilon.$$

By Theorem 3.2,  $x_k^{(m_1)} \leq \Omega(k)$  for all  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m_1$ . Thus, by (3.12) and (3.13),

$$(3.15) \quad \sum_{1 \leq k \leq m_1} |x_k^{(m_1)} - x_k| + \sum_{k > m_1} x_k \leq \frac{1}{2}\epsilon.$$

Since  $v(C_{m_1}) - \sum_{k \in C_{m_1}} x_k^{(m_1)} = 0$ , we may readily derive, using (3.12), (3.13), (3.14), and (3.15), that  $|v(C) - \sum_{k \in C} x_k| < \epsilon$ . Due to the fact that  $\epsilon$  is an arbitrary positive quantity, it follows that  $v(C) = \sum_{k \in C} x_k$ .  $(x; \mathcal{D})$  is therefore an i.r.p.c.

Let  $i, j \in C$  be two different players in  $C$ . Suppose  $x_j = 0$ . Let  $C_i$  be a coalition containing  $i$  and not  $j$ . To prove that  $(x; \mathcal{D}) \in K(G)$  we must show the existence of a  $C_j$ ,  $C_j \in \mathcal{T}_{ji}$  (see (2.3)) such that  $e(C_j; x) \geq e(C_i; x)$ . Denote by  $C_{i;n}$  the coalition  $C_i$  restricted to the first  $n$  players, for  $n \geq i, j$ . Let  $\{x^{(n_v)}\}_{v=1,2,\dots}$  be a sub-sequence of  $n_v$ -dimensional vectors such that for all  $v$ ,  $v = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $(x^{(n_v)}; \mathcal{D}_{n_v}) \in K(G_{n_v})$  and  $x^{(n_v)} \in 0_{n_v}$ , and such that  $\lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} x^{(n_v)} = x$ , where  $x_k^{(n_v)} = x_k$  if  $k \leq n_v$  and  $x_k^{(n_v)} = 0$  otherwise. Since  $x^{(n_v)} \rightarrow x$ , and since  $x_j > 0$ , there exists a number  $v_1$  such that  $n_{v_1} \geq i, j$ , and such that for all  $v \geq v_1$ ,  $x_j^{(n_v)} > 0$ . For each  $v$  equal or greater than  $v_1$  there exists a coalition  $C_j^{(n_v)}, C_j^{(n_v)} \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n_v\}$ , such that  $e(C_j^{(n_v)}; x^{(n_v)}) \geq e(C_{i;n_v}; x^{(n_v)})$ . This is because  $(x_{n_v}; \mathcal{D}_{n_v}) \in K(G_{n_v})$ .

For any coalition  $E$ , let  $\chi_E$  be the 0 - 1 characteristic function of the set  $E$ , i.e.,  $\chi_E(n) = 1$  if  $n \in E$ ;  $\chi_E(n) = 0$  otherwise. We shall now define a function on any two 0 - 1 characteristic functions.



$$\rho(x_E, x_F) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_E(n) - x_F(n)| \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

One may easily verify that  $\rho$  is a metric; hence  $\rho$  induces a topology on the "space" of 0 - 1 characteristic functions. It is easily seen that the space  $X$  of all the 0 - 1 characteristic functions (regarded as infinite sequences) with the topology based on this metric is a compact subspace of  $J = [0,1] \times [0,1] \times \dots$ , where the topology of  $J$  is the Tychinoff topology. Let  $\{C_j^{(m_v)}\}$  be a sub-sequence of the  $C_j^{(n_v)}$ 's such that  $\{x_{C_j^{(m_v)}}\}$  converges under the  $\rho$ -topology to a single limiting 0 - 1 characteristic function. Denote the coalition corresponding to the limiting 0 - 1 characteristic function by  $C_j$ . It is clear that  $C_j$  contains  $j$  and does not contain  $i$ . We wish to prove that  $e(C_j; x) \geq e(C_i; x)$ . Let  $\epsilon$  be an arbitrary positive number. Let  $v_1$  be such that

$$(3.16) \quad n_{v_1} \geq i, j$$

$$(3.17) \quad \text{For all } v \geq v_1, x^{(n_v)}_{v_1} > 0$$

$$(3.18) \quad \sum_{k \geq n_{v_1}} \Omega(k) \leq \frac{1}{16} \epsilon$$

$$(3.19) \quad \text{For all } v \geq v_1, \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n_{v_1}} |x_k - x^{(n_v)}_k| \leq \frac{1}{16} \epsilon$$

$$(3.20) \quad \text{For all } n \geq n_{v_1}, v(C_j) - v(C_{j;n}) \leq \frac{1}{16} \epsilon$$

$$\text{where } C_{j;n} = C_j \cap \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

$$(3.21) \quad \text{For all } n \geq n_{v_1}, v(C_i) - v(C_{i;n}) \leq \frac{1}{16} \epsilon$$

Let  $C_j^{(m_0)}$  be a member of  $\{C_j^{(m_v)}\}$  such that  $C_j^{(m_0)} \cap C_{j;n_{v_1}} = C_{j;n_{v_1}}$  and such that  $m_0 \geq n_{v_1}$ . It is clear

that such a  $C_j^{(m_0)}$  exists because any  $C_j^{(m)}$  for which  $\chi_{C_j^{(m)}}$  is sufficiently close to  $\chi_{C_j}$  (under the metric  $\rho$ ) is bound to contain all players contained in  $C_{j;n_{v_1}}$ . Since

$C_j^{(m_0)} \cap C_{j;n_{v_1}} = C_{j;n_{v_1}}$  it is easy to deduce, using (3.18), that

$$(3.22) \quad v(C_j^{(m_0)}) - v(C_{j;n_{v_1}}) \leq \frac{1}{16}\epsilon$$

We know that  $e(C_j^{(m_0)}; x^{(m_0)}) - e(C_i; m_0; x^{(m_0)}) \geq 0$ . Hence,

$$(3.23) \quad v(C_j^{(m_0)}) - \sum_{k \in C_j^{(m_0)}} x_k^{(m_0)} - (v(C_i; m_0) - \sum_{k \in C_i; m_0} x_k^{(m_0)}) \geq 0.$$

By applying standard procedure to inequality (3.23) one easily derives, by using inequalities (3.16) - (3.22), that

$$v(C_j) - \sum_{k \in C_j} x_k - (v(C_i) - \sum_{k \in C_i} x_k) \geq -\epsilon.$$

Since  $\epsilon$  is an arbitrary positive quantity, this means that

$$v(C_j) - \sum_{k \in C_j} x_k \geq v(C_i) - \sum_{k \in C_i} x_k, \text{ or } e(C_j; x) \geq e(C_i; x).$$

Thus  $(x; \mathcal{D}) \in K(G)$ . Since  $x$  is a limit point of a series of vectors  $\{x^{(n)}\}$ , such that for all  $n$ ,  $x^{(n)} \in O_n$ , then by the conditions of the theorem it follows that  $x \in O_\omega$ .

The following theorem is an example which shows how non-standard models may generate theorems concerning the kernel of infinite games.

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $G = (N; v)$  be an infinite game satisfying (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4). Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be an arbitrary coalition structure. Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an  $n_1$  such that for any  $n_2$  greater than  $n_1$  and any  $x^{(n_2)}$  for which  $(x^{(n_2)}; \mathcal{D}_{n_2}) \in K(G_{n_2})$

there exists an  $n_3 < n_1$  and an  $x^{(n_3)}$  such that  
 $(x^{(n_3)}; \mathcal{D}_{n_3}) \in K(G_{n_3})$  and  $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq n_3} |x_i^{(n_3)} - x_i^{(n_2)}| + \sum_{n_3 < i \leq n_2} x_i^{(n_2)} \leq \epsilon$ .

Proof: Let  $\epsilon$  be an arbitrary positive quantity. Let  $\hat{G}$  be the image of  $G$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Let  $\hat{n}_1$  be an infinite natural number. Let  $\hat{n}_2$  be an arbitrary infinite natural number such that  $\hat{n}_2 > \hat{n}_1$ . Let  $\hat{x}^{(\hat{n}_2)}$  be such that  $(\hat{x}^{(\hat{n}_2)}; \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{\hat{n}_2}) \in \hat{K}(\hat{G}_{\hat{n}_2})$ . Let  $x$  be an infinite dimensional  $\mathcal{A}$ -vector such that  $x_i = (\hat{x}^{(\hat{n}_2)}_{i \sim})^{*v}$ . Let  $\tilde{x}$  be the image of  $x$ . We have seen in the proof of Theorem 3.9 (see (3.10)) that for any positive  $\mathcal{A}$ -number  $\delta$ ,

$$(3.24) \quad \hat{\Sigma}_{1 \sim \leq i \leq \hat{n}_2} |\tilde{x}_i - \hat{x}^{(\hat{n}_2)}_i| + \hat{\Sigma}_{i > \hat{n}_2} \tilde{x}_i < \delta \sim.$$

We have also seen in the same proof (see (3.11)) that there exists a natural  $\mathcal{A}$ -number,  $n_3$ , and a vector  $x^{(n_3)}$  such that  $(x^{(n_3)}; \mathcal{D}_{n_3}) \in K(G_{n_3})$  and  $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq n_3} |x_i - x_i^{(n_3)}| + \sum_{i > n_3} x_i < \delta$ . Thus

$$(3.25) \quad \hat{\Sigma}_{1 \sim \leq i \leq n_3 \sim} |\tilde{x}_i - (x^{(n_3)})_{i \sim}| + \hat{\Sigma}_{i > n_3 \sim} \tilde{x}_i < \delta \sim$$

Combining (3.24) and (3.25) and setting  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon$ , we receive

$$(3.26) \quad \hat{\Sigma}_{1 \sim \leq i \leq n_3 \sim} |(x^{(n_3)})_{i \sim} - \hat{x}^{(\hat{n}_2)}_i| + \hat{\Sigma}_{n_3 \sim < i \leq \hat{n}_2} \hat{x}^{(\hat{n}_2)}_i < 2 \sim \cdot \delta \sim = \epsilon \sim.$$

From (3.26) it follows that the statement "there exists a  $\hat{k}_1$  such that for any  $\hat{k}_2, \hat{k}_2 > \hat{k}_1$ , and for any  $\hat{x}^{(\hat{k}_2)}$  such that  $(\hat{x}^{(\hat{k}_2)}; \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{\hat{k}_2}) \in \hat{K}(\hat{G}_{\hat{k}_2})$  there exists a  $\hat{k}_3, \hat{k}_3 < \hat{k}_1$ , and an  $\hat{x}^{(\hat{k}_3)}$ , such that  $(\hat{x}^{(\hat{k}_3)}; \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{\hat{k}_3}) \in \hat{K}(\hat{G}_{\hat{k}_3})$  and

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{1 \sim \leq i \leq \hat{k}_3} |\hat{x}^{(\hat{k}_3)}_i - \hat{x}^{(\hat{k}_2)}_i| + \hat{\Sigma}_{\hat{k}_3 \sim < i \leq \hat{k}_2} \hat{x}^{(\hat{k}_2)}_i < \epsilon \sim"$$

is true in  $\mathcal{B}$ . The statement is expressible as a sentence in the first order predicate calculus. Then it is true when re-interpreted in  $\mathcal{A}$ . The statement, when re-interpreted in  $\mathcal{A}$ , states precisely what we wish to prove.

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